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- 2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Coordinates 5120/6215.
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Navy Teams Board Bonefish But Are Unable to Enter

3 Still Missing From Crippled Submarine

By Molly Moore Washington Post Staff Writer

Navy teams boarded the crippled submarine USS Bonefish yesterday, closing hatches to keep the dieselpowered vessel from sinking in high seas, but poor weather prevented them from going inside to search for three missing crew members, Navy officials said.

Adm. Carlisle A.H. Trost, chief of naval operations, said the missing men may have died while saving the lives of their colleagues after the submarine was rocked by five explosions in its battery compartment late Sunday.

"All three of those individuals?...
were on watch in the ship's control
room and were last seen there,"
Trost told NBC News. "So it may

well be that they simply ensured; that everyone got clear, and they themselves didn't make it.

The submarine's commander ordered the crew to evacuate Sunday after the vessel began filling with smoke and toxic tumes. Of 22 crewmen hospitalized for injuries, Navy officials said 19 were released in Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday afternoon and returned to their home port of Charleston, S.C.

Safety concerns had delayed efforts to enter the damaged submarine about 160 miles east of Cape Canaveral, a spokesman said. Navy officials said they believe that the 219-foot submarine could be filled with hydrogen and other toxic fumes.

Last night, a boarding crew began ventilating the submarine and testing what a naval spokesman said

USS BONEFISH *

Type: Barbel-class submarine Launched: Nov. 22, 1958 Commissioned: July 9, 1959 Displacement: 2,145 tons surfaced,

2,894 tons dived.

Crew: 92
Background: Barbel-class vessels
were the last nonnuclear combatant
submarines built by the U.S. Navy.
The diesel-powered USS Bonefish,
Blueback and Barbel were
authorized in the fiscal 1956
construction program.

SOURCE: Jane's Fighting Ships

Submarine was disabled by explosion disabled by explosion here Sunday.

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were high concentrations of toxical gases that emerged.

"With hydrogen, you run the risk of a huge explosion with the smallest spark," a Navy spokesman said. "You've really got to make sure you've got it right before you board."

Attempts to enter the vessel also were delayed yesterday by wayes of to 8 feet and high winds, according to a spokesman for Atlantic Fleet headquarters in Norfolk.

The Bonefish, one of only four diesel electric submarines left in the U.S. Navy, was posing as a Soviet submarine during antisubmarine warfare exercises with the carrier USS John R. Kennedy and its escort ships when the explosion occurred, according to Navy officials.

Officials said the submarine was about 50 feet below the surface, at periscope level, at the time of the explosion.

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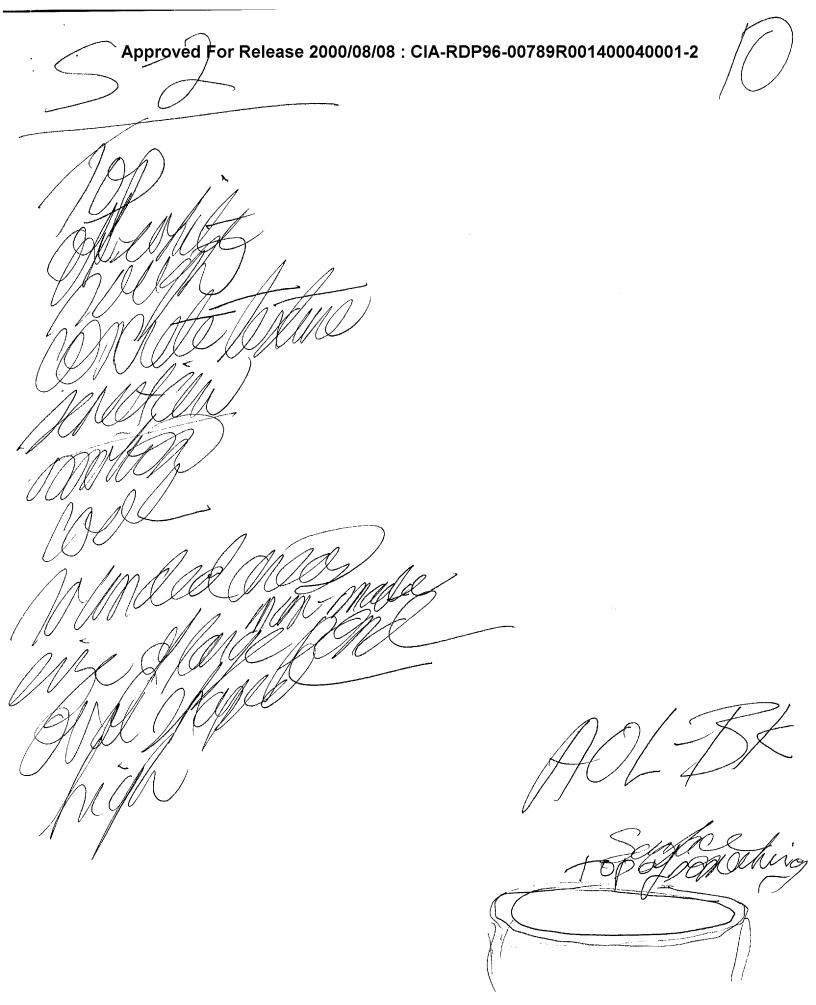
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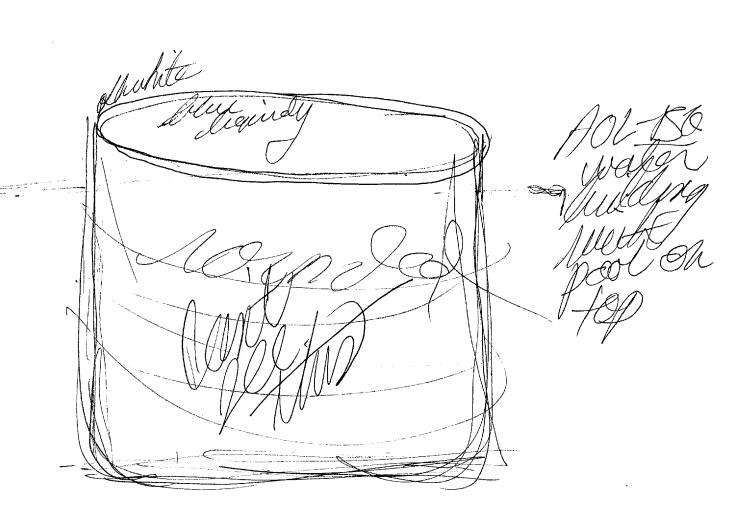
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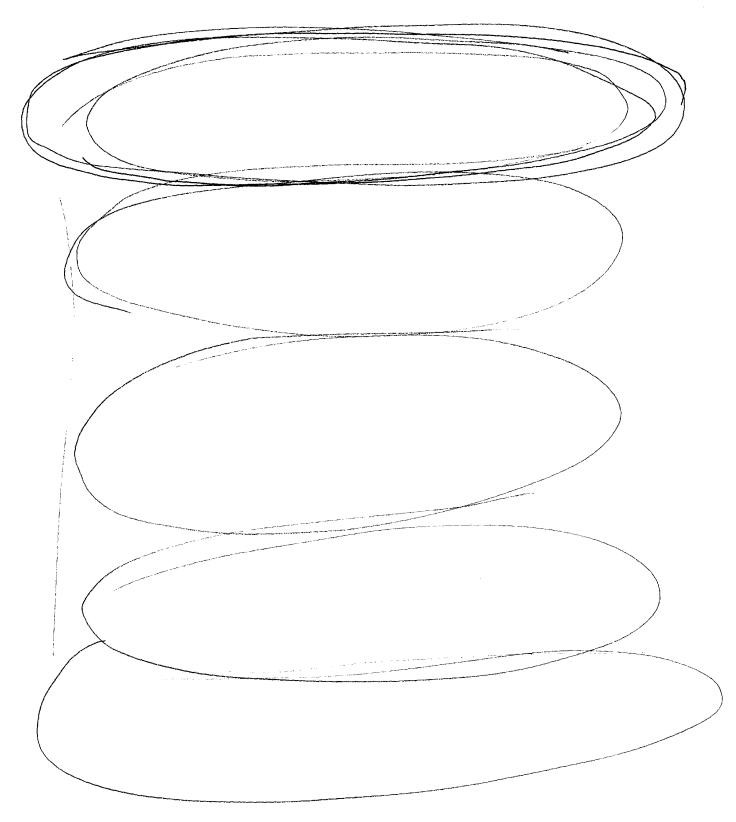
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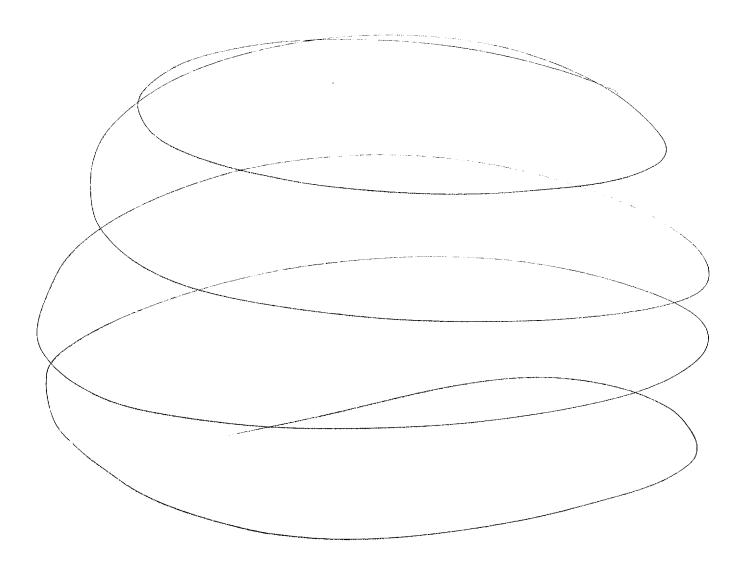








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